(c) Three locations in the State of Tamil Nadu *viz.* Tiruvannamalai, Trichy and Kurinjipadi have been identified for development under the scheme.

(d) to (f) Under the Cluster Development Scheme, weavers, within as well as outside the cooperative fold will be supported.

Assistance to Rajasthan under Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasthashilpa Vikas Yojana

121. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance under Centrally-sponsored scheme, Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasthashilpa Vikas Yojana, for promotion of handicrafts has been released to the State of Rajasthan, during last three years;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINGH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasthashilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) is not a Centrally-Sponsored Scheme but a Central Sector Scheme. The scheme does not envisage direct assistance to the State Governments and is being implemented as a grant-in-aid scheme throughout the country through various implementing agencies like State Handicrafts Corporations/ Apex Societies/NGO etc.

The details of financial assistance released to those implementing agencies in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years under this scheme is as follow:

2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Rs. 28,52,109/-	Rs. 64,69,404/-	Rs. 88,01,206/-

(c) Does not arise.

Doubling of duty drawn back rates on garments

122. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government decision to double the duty drawback rates on garments and restore *ad-volarem* rate basis failed to enthuse importers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that double duty drawback will provide only partial relief to the exporters; and

(c) if so, the reasons for (a) above and how the Government are going to compensate exporters due to (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINGH VAGHELA): (a) The All Industry Rates (AIR) of Duty Drawback, 2005-06 were notified *vide* Notification No. 36/2005-Customs (N.T.) dated 2.5.2005, which came into force with effect from 5.5.2005. These rates were notified on the basis of recommendations of a Committee constituted by the Government for formulation of drawback rates. The Committee has had extensive consultations with exporters, Export Promotion Councils, trade bodies and other stakeholders. The exports of garment have shown 6.27% growth during the period June-August, 2005 as compared to June-August, 2004 after the drawback rates were revised on *ad-valorem* basis.

(b) and (c) The drawback rates have been determined on the basis of certain broad parameters including, *inter alia,* the prevailing prices of inputs, standard input/output norms (SION) published by DGFT, share of imports in the total cosumption of inputs, and the applied rates of duty. The incidence of duty on HSD/furnace oil as on education cess has been factored into the drawback calculations. The drawback rates on all garment products have been expressed in *ad valorm* terms.

Insurance package for Handloom Weavers

123. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into a tie-up with ICICI combered for an Insurance Package of handloom weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many weavers are estimated to get coverage from the scheme, State-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINGH VAGHELA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Health Insurance Scheme for handloom weavers has been introduced during the current financial year 2005-06 for implementation through the ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd.

(b) Under this scheme, the annual premium is Rs. 1,000/- per weaver out of which Rs. 800/- is to be contributed by Government of India and